

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-59 are in the case and presented for consideration.

A check in the amount of \$144.00 (8 additional claims). The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

Attached to this amendment, please find a set of drawings with corrections to improve the form of the drawings and to satisfy the Examiner's and Draftsperson's requirements.

The claims have been reviewed and revised throughout to satisfy 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 has been defined as "A method..." as required by the Examiner and the objectionable phrase "characterized in that" has been changed to language conventional of U.S. patent practice.

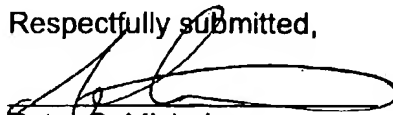
Claim 15 has been canceled, and claim 37 corrected to require a fixed number of passes to be defined.

In addition, wherever preferred limitations are referred to in the claims, they have been eliminated with additional claims 50-59 added to define the different scopes of protection of the language canceled or amended in the previous claims.

The Examiner's indication of allowability of the claims is gratefully acknowledged.

By this amendment, thus, the application and claims are believed to be in condition  
for allowance and further favorable action is respectfully requested.

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